



Budget amendment makes little difference

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Editor-in-Chief

If the night is always darkest just before the dawn, is the dawn finally on the horizon?

Tuesday, Gov. Jay Nixon made an amendment to the original 12.5 percent cut that will soften the blow; however, the University's plan of action will have little adjustments.

"While the governor's proposal will restore \$40 million in funding for Missouri's public colleges and universities next year, we must understand this is merely a one-year fix," President John Jasinski said in an email to faculty and staff. "It does not change how we approach the array of financial obligations that Northwest continues to face."

The state of Missouri received \$140 million in benefits from a settlement with national mortgage banks. From that, Nixon amended to direct \$40 million to Missouri's higher education. This will take the original 12.5 percent cut to higher education down to about a seven percent cut.

"Now that we have additional information about the settlement, I am immediately amending my recommended budget to restore \$40 million in funding for Missouri's colleges and universities," Nixon said in a statement released Tues-

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Maryville coach, teacher remembered

ALEX RASH

News Editor

Maryville assistant girls' basketball coach and mathematics teacher Dale Francis Kisker, 52, passed away Jan. 29, but his memory still remains.

Dale was a Northwest alumnus and a talented pitcher for the Bearcats from 1979 to 1982. He currently holds top rank in program history ERA and shutouts. His love for school and sports translated into his life after college.

"He loved working with the kids," Dale's wife, Tammy Kisker said. "He just liked being around people."

Dale worked at a few other Missouri schools before making his way back to Maryville in 2000 to teach at the high school.

"(Dale was) somebody you just enjoyed being around," Maryville Principal Jason Eggers said. "He really cared about our students and staff."

Dale made an impact on the community that was visually apparent at his visitation services Feb. 1. Family, friends, students and colleagues filled the Hope Lutheran Church and parking lot waiting to pay their respects.

While they waited, a few of Dale's former students and players

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NORTHWEST CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY

ASHLEY HERRING

Assistant News Editor

Since 1976, Black History Month has been celebrated in the United States. This year, the Northwest community will celebrate the achievements, events and people in African-American history while focusing on the African-American organizations on campus.

"It is important to show all cultures that they are valued," Director of Intercultural Affairs Steve Bryant said. "It is an opportunity to learn about other cultures so that we can work better in a global economy."

He expanded on this idea by explaining the importance of possessing knowledge of different cultures.

"You are going to have people you work with constantly who have different values, different beliefs, different cultures and different heritages, and we need to learn to work well with those people," Bryant said. "It is helping everyone to become more interculturally competent."

Seventeen different events will take place

over the next two weeks, offering Northwest students, faculty and staff the opportunity to join in the celebration of this month and to learn about the African-American culture.

Black History Month began in February of 1926 by the "father of black history," Carter G. Woodson, who developed Negro History Week, an event designed to encourage the study of African-American history that eventually grew into a month of recognition.

Black History Month is celebrated in February because it is the month during which the birthdays of two prominent men in the fight to eliminate slavery in America fall, Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, according to naacp.org.

African-American organizations on campus will be working with the Intercultural and International Center, as well as the Office of Campus Activities, to sponsor and host events planned for the month. Among these events will be the showing of "American Experience: Freedom Riders" from 5-6 p.m. Feb. 9 in the J.W. Jones Student Union living room. The film follows

civil rights activists who challenged segregation in the south in the 1960s.

A night dedicated to honoring African-Americans in history and present day, as well as the recognition of African-American students who have made a difference on campus, will be held at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 16 in the Union boardroom. This event is sponsored by Men's Minority Organization and Alliance of Black Collegians.

"We want to honor African-Americans who you might not have heard of," Alliance of Black Collegians President Tyrell Wheeler said. "For example, Charlie Parker, one of the greatest jazz legends of all time, and he is from Kansas City or David Patterson, former governor of New York, who is also blind. We just want to spotlight those you might not know as much about."

In addition to the educational events the IIC will be hosting this month, the office is teaming up with Spiritually Involved Sisters Together Achieving Harmony to host the Soul Food and

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS BASKETBALL



LORI FRANKENFIELD | NW MISSOURIAN

Northwest Torchers from St. Joseph athletes Tommy Tatro, Meanie Brelsford and Trenton DAWGS athlete Tabby Glenn watch as NW Torchers athlete Darrell Pendley goes for a shot on Saturday at the Special Olympics Missouri basketball tournament in Lamkin Gymnasium. Over 200 athletes from 17 different counties broken up into 27 teams turned up to play. Northwest will also host the spring games for Special Olympics.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROFILE: BAYO OLUDAJA

Professor's impact stretches beyond borders

BROOKE ASSEL

Missourian Reporter

Bayo Oludaja lives and breathes for relationships. Relationships with students, the community, God and just about everyone in between.

"I believe I'm in this world for a purpose," Oludaja said. "I'm not in Maryville by accident; I'm here by design."

Oludaja was introduced to Maryville in 1990 when he was hired as an assistant professor in the department of communication, theatre and languages. Since then, his relationships and involvements within the community have evolved in ways he could not have possibly dreamed upon his arrival.

Now a professor, Oludaja is also head coach for the Maryville High School girls' soccer team and assistant head coach for the MHS boys' soccer team. His passion for "futball" flourished when he played division 1 club soccer in his home country of Nigeria, and he credits his commitment to the sport as an avenue of involvement throughout his years in Maryville.

Oludaja is active in his church and says his faith helped spark his passion for children. With encouragement from a college, Oludaja decided to "give back" to the children of this world by becoming a foster parent. This decision was made quickly after learning of the need for homes of children in this area, and he is enjoying his time with Bryan, his first foster child.

"In Maryville there are needs too. Maybe they are not as poor here, but there are emotional needs, too," he said.

Although his passion for the Maryville community is obvious, Oludaja's relationships extend farther than U.S. borders can contain. Since 2008, Oludaja has made countless trips to Haiti to serve children abroad. He has played an integral role in the establishment of House of Hope Haiti, an orphanage founded on Christian principles, and he continues to serve on its



KIRA NORTHPROP | NW MISSOURIAN

Bayo Oludaja is recognized during Black History Month at Northwest for his involvement in the community and worldwide. Oludaja is on the board of directors for the House of Hope in Haiti, which provides food, shelter, clothing, and education to the children.

board of directors. Oludaja has also aided in the establishment of a high school near the House of Hope in Haiti.

"We discovered the educational needs of a high school in the mountain villages after we trekked up a mountain for two hours and 45 minutes to deliver school supplies. And that was one way," Oludaja said. "If these kids do this Monday through Friday, they need schools up there."

Oludaja plans to continue his work in Haiti.

He and his team are determined to help Haitian villages become self-sufficient through vocational training programs as well as the educational schooling options.

He also plans to stay at Northwest for the years to come, despite recent rumors that he may be retiring.

"As I reflect on my years at Northwest, it's been very, very positive. Northwest is truly a family experience. Not just Northwest, but Maryville is a family," Oludaja said.



Northwest alumnus returns as CIE director

SARAH THOMACK
Missourian Reporter

Lawrence (Larry) Lee, former Northwest student, returns to Northwest, this time as director of business development and tenant relations for the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

Lee attended Northwest and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing and his master's in business administration. He returned in 1996 and taught as an adjunct professor until 2001 at what is now the Booth College of Business and Professional Studies. Lee currently lives in St. Joseph with his wife, Connie.

Lee is at the head of business and administrative affairs, organizing recruitment efforts and dealing with business tenants of the CIE. He is already busy after being at Northwest for less than a week, and in that short amount of time, he has already formulated goals that he hopes to see accomplished in the near future at the CIE.

"My goal is to, number one, let people in the Midwest and all over know about this facility so that we can fill it up with businesses that are start-up businesses," Lee said. "We would like to get as many businesses as we can within the nanotechnology arena (and) to be able to connect the students and let them have an experiential learning experience where they can actually

"Students are getting direct experience from the equipment (here)."

M. Abdul Mottaleb



LAWRENCE (LARRY) LEE

work with companies that are here doing nanotechnology."

The CIE facilities not only provide assistance to small businesses but also hands-on training and experience for Northwest students.

"Students are getting direct experience from the equipment (here)," M. Abdul Mottaleb, analytical chemist at the CIE, said. "And these are students that will go (from Northwest) and get jobs."



ERIC BAINES | NW MISSOURIAN

Director of vocal music, Nicolas Vasquez leads the Maryville Spectrum Vocal Ensemble through practice. The Spectrum earned second place in last Saturday's Northwest Missouri State Show/Jazz Choir Festival.

Area choirs come to Northwest

ASHLEY HERRING
Assistant News Editor

For over twenty years, regional high school show and jazz choirs have come together on campus to sing, dance, perform and ultimately, to compete.

Each year high schools from Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas are invited to perform in Northwest's Annual Show and Jazz Choir Festival. This year's show, held Saturday, Feb. 4 at Charles Johnson Theater in Olive DeLuce Fine Arts building and Mary Linn Auditorium in the Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts, attracted 25 area schools. Some schools were unable to make it to the festival due to weather conditions.

"The show choir festival is an opportunity for students to come and compete against one another in the show choir or jazz choir category," Brian Lanier, associate professor of voice and choral music education said. "Not only do they get to perform themselves but they get to watch all the other schools perform as well, so along with a competitive atmosphere, it is also a learning experience because they watch one another and cheer each other on, and then they can take what they see back to their school and apply something new."

All show choirs and jazz choirs performed in the preliminary round during the day, and the top eight show choirs, two from each

category, which are organized by school population, were chosen to move on to the final round.

After the final round, first and second place trophies were awarded to Smithville High School and Grandville High School in the jazz choir category. The show choir category awarded four first place trophies to area high schools that competed in different categories, including Maryville, Warrensburg and St. Joe Central. The overall award, the Sweepstakes Trophy, was taken home by Cameron High School.

For the Warrensburg High School show choir, performing on a college stage is a unique experience in itself.

"I enjoyed the different setting. It is much larger than what we are used to," Maddy Hoke, senior from Warrensburg High School show choir, said.

This was the school's first year participating in the festival, and members of the show choir recognized the opportunity for growth that this experience presented to their team.

"It gives us a lot of performance opportunities, and it is something different and fun," Warrensburg show choir member Elizabeth Baldwin said. "Show choir is like a big family; you know you are always going to have someone there for you."

Baldwin, who was unable to perform at the festival due to injury, enjoyed watching her team

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Elizabeth Baldwin

compete at this event.

The festival is planned, organized and run by Northwest's own show choir, Celebration, under Lanier's advisement.

"It is exciting to see the choirs, and it is also good experience because most of us working the festival are music education majors," senior Melissa Gay said.

For one Celebration member, working the festival brings back memories of high school show choir.

"When I was in high school, we came and competed here, so it is interesting to now be on the other side and see how it is ran," junior Emily Schol said.

For Northwest's Celebration show choir, this event is one of the most enjoyable that the University hosts. It allows Northwest to gain more recognition in the public high school area.

"I think we are very unique at Northwest; I don't know of a lot of other schools that have show choirs at the collegiate level," Gay said.

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Fall 2012 student teaching applications due in TESS Office	Fourth Annual Empty Bowls 5 p.m. at the Station
Geo Club Love Rocks Sale Garrett-Strong Science Building	Theatre Northwest Lab Series: Unwrap Your Candy & For Whom the Southern Bells Tolls 7:30 p.m. at Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts
Homecoming Committee Applications J.W. Jones Student Union	
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DeLuce Gallery: National Juried Art Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building	Women's Basketball vs. Missouri Western 1:30 p.m. at Lamkin Activity Center
MENC Middle School Festival Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building	Softball at Drury University 2 p.m. at Springfield, Mo.
National Foundation Day, Japan	Men's Basketball vs. Missouri Western 3:30 p.m. at Lamkin Activity Center
ACT 8 a.m. at Colden Hall	Theatre Northwest Lab Series: Unwrap Your Candy & For Whom the Southern Bells Tolls 7:30 p.m. at Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts
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Homecoming Committee Applications	Catholic Mass 7 p.m. at Newman Center

University members raise money for annual plunge

EMILY DEMAREA
Chief Reporter

With an expected high of just 42 degrees, five members of the University family will plunge into Colden Pond on Feb. 24.

The Colden Pond Plunge is a fundraiser put on each year by the University's Up 'till Dawn organization. Proceeds from the Colden Pond Plunge go to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

The point of the contest is to raise the most money for the hospital. When the fundraising part is over, the five University students and/or staff members that raise the most money will jump into the chilling Colden Pond.

Leadership graduate assistant Kat Donovan said the Up 'till Dawn organization reaches out to different groups each year and asks them to participate in the plunge.

Some of the individuals in this year's plunge include basketball sisters Candice and Alexis Boeh, Student Senate president Andrew Maddux and assistant professor for the Department of Mathematics and Statistics Dr. Christine Benson.

"It's really a great cause," Maddux said. "Students can have a great opportunity to give back in a direct way to something so important."

Donovan said the money raised by Up 'till Dawn goes to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. Proceeds from the contest help provide health care to children with pediatric cancers.

Although times may be tough, Maddux suggests that giving a little to St. Jude's could go a long way.

"Spare a few dollars or just give



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Senior Erica Williams attempts to stay in Colden Pond as long as possible last year to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

up a fast food meal for one time," Maddux said. "That could really make a big difference."

Donovan said the Office of Campus Activities is proud to continue the Up 'till Dawn contest again this year. Last year's effort raised nearly \$33 thousand for the cause.

"The individuals participating this year have already raised a lot

of money so far," Donovan said. "We're very excited to announce the total at the Colden Pond Plunge on Feb. 24."

Individuals that represent these organizations are raising money on the second floor of the J.W. Jones Student Union until Feb. 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The big jump will take place at 2 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 24 at Colden Pond.



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Snowy Owls have begun migrating to Missouri in search of food. These owls normally live in the Arctic, but there have been many sightings in Smithville, Mo.

Canadian owls spotted in Missouri

EMILY DEMAREA
Chief Reporter

Missouri citizens, particularly those near Smithville, might think they see a familiar character from Harry Potter flying around at night.

Snowy owls, like the one named Hedwig from the popular book and movie, have migrated from Canada to Missouri this year

in search of food.

Steven Buback is a natural history biologist that works in the Northwest Regional Office for the Missouri Department of Conservation in St. Joseph. Bubeck said every five to ten years the owls will come down south if they have had a really bad food year up north.

“They’re white medium-sized owls that normally live in the Arctic,” Buback said. “The ones we see

down here in Missouri are generally starving.”

Most sightings of the owls have been in Smithville.

The first sighting this season came from Smithville Lake in November. Buback said there have been at least six sightings in Missouri since November.

Zoology major, Zach Hutchin-

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ERIC BAINES | NW MISSOURIAN

Tim Auffert and his daughter, Cailyn, play a game of musical hoops at last Friday’s eighth annual Daddy Daughter Dance, held at the Maryville Community Center.

Annual Daddy Daughter Dance gives young girls ‘princess’ experience for one night

JENNA ANTHONY
Missourian Reporter

It is almost every little girl’s dream to wear an elegant dress and have her hair done, just like a beautiful princess, and when the clock finally strikes that magical hour, have her prince charming escort her to a wonderful fairy-tale evening of entertainment and dancing.

This dream became a reality for 167 girls, ages 12 and under, who attended the eighth annual Daddy Daughter Dance Feb. 3 at the Maryville Community Center.

“(The Daddy Daughter Dance) gives daughters and their special guy, whether it be their dad, grandfather, or an uncle, the time to have a night together,” Shelly Hersh, coordinator of the event, said. “This

has become a kind of tradition for many dads and daughters in which they make a full evening of the event, starting with dinner out and then attending the dance.”

The evening began with each girl receiving a corsage and a couples photo with their escort, while the remainder was spent playing games, dancing, and enjoying the refreshments.

“This is my seventh year attending the Daddy Daughter Dance,” Tim Auffert said. “I enjoy watching my daughters’ faces; they have a great time.”

Auffert and his two daughters, Cailyn, 6, and Josie, 8, joined in on the hula-hoop version of musical chairs, one of the games played dur-

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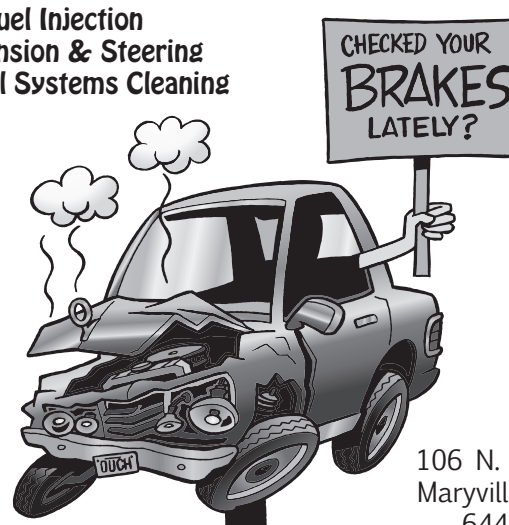


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Harriet Ross Tubman's great-great nieces and oldest living descendants gather around with a wax likeness of the renowned abolitionist and conductor of the Underground Railroad at the Presidents Gallery by Madame Tussauds in Washington during the unveiling of the wax figure in celebration of Black History Month, Feb. 7.

CAMPUS TALK

How should students celebrate or remember Black History Month?



"Quotes from famous speeches would really help, hearing them and just seeing them, like if there were quotes around students so they could read them. Because the more they read it the more they think about it."

Tierra Burt
International Business



"Students should take time to educate themselves and others on how important the meaning of Black History Month is. It's a good time to reflect on other cultures and understand why they are the way they are."

Philip Carter
Spanish



"I think walks are good. If people were to get out facts, that would be a neat idea to do. Things like that get people involved on campus, like marches that everyone can get involved in."

Whitney Barulich
Therapeutic Recreation



"Maybe study up a little more, like read about some of the bigger African-Americans in history, and try to learn about different cultures and things like that."

Ryan Allnutt
Parks and Recreation



"Students should read about Martin Luther King. It will inform them of what happened in the past because people need to understand what has happened in order to not let something like that happen again."

Marissa Bell
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OUR VIEW: BLACK HISTORY MONTH
Introduce diversity to your life

Awareness holidays, ranging from Memorial Day to National Hispanic Heritage Month, can seem contrived. Some question their impact because they happen every year. Those people are missing the point; awareness holidays like Black History Month happen every year because of how important they are.

The Northwest Missourian encourages its readers to celebrate our nation's rich African-American history in a way that is personal and impactful for them. Some of the answers in this week's Campus Talk are helpful in finding other ways to celebrate this occasion. But if you need more ideas on how to remember Black History Month, consider the following.

Watch Martin Luther King Jr.

deliver his "I Have a Dream" speech. On Youtube, it's about 17 minutes long and sadly only 1/300th as popular as "Party Rock Anthem." King's passion as he delivers one of the most famous American speeches is chilling. More importantly, it serves as a time capsule of a dark period of our history and leaves viewers thankful of our progress and mindful of our modern-day shortcomings.

King's message is only as good as his speaking ability if you ignore the context, which is why you should **do your research**. A search on the B.D. Owens Library website reveals 1,825 books related to "civil rights" and 32 on "racial inequality." Once you know where we have been and where we are, you live your life like you want to change where we

are going.

The Internet makes research easy to **find on famous African-Americans** and their contributions to their culture and that of all Americans. The historically accurate "Red Tails" is a good place to start. You can also read about the late Etta James while spinning some of her classic songs, and in her voice, hear the struggle to overcome a male-dominated music scene.

However, you can read libraries full of books about racial equality, but it will not amount to anything if you do not **get out there and meet people**. Take advantage of Northwest's multicultural efforts and form friendships with diverse people, and celebrate this month with them for years to come.

WHAT THE DEUCE: GOV. NIXON

Yearly budget cuts sad, wrong

PHILIP GRUENWALD
Opinion Editor

Tuesday, Gov. Jay Nixon pared back his cut of higher education by \$40 million, reducing the cut to about \$49 million.

The news came as Northwest was preparing to receive a \$4 million cut. After years of subsequent reductions in state monies, Northwest's final result was turning to personnel cuts. To put our previous state contributions in perspective, some education officials were glad to hear that Missouri's cuts will "only" come to \$49 million dollars.

It is good news, for sure. But it is not nearly good enough. Northwest will still carry on with personnel cuts, instead of whittling itself down year after year to nothing. These next few months will mark one of the darkest periods in the history of Northwest – a period marked by a systematic reduction in force, the deletion of services and future tuition increases.

And it is all the fault of one man. During his State of the State address Jan. 17, Nixon announced his budget for fiscal year 2013, as he has for the past three years. In the next few months, Missouri's general assembly will take turns reviewing the budget and making suggestions. Once it returns to the governor's desk, he can choose to heed the legislators' advice or, as he has done in the past three years, ignore it and retain his originally recommended budget.

Ergo, the most important person who can read this article is the man with whom the future of Missouri's higher education depends upon: Gov. Jay Nixon. For that reason, the rest of this article is specifically for you, Nixon:

Your budget will immediately affect hundreds of educated and specialized faculty across Missouri who must now scramble to find jobs in an environment of schools who cannot afford to hire teachers because of your asinine budget cuts.

Your budget will leave thousands of students stranded in the middle of a degree program that they cannot complete because their schools could not afford to keep either the necessary teaching staff or department. Some will

find compatible areas of study at other Missouri higher education institutions. But some will drop out.

Even worse, some out-of-state students will continue their education in their home states. With them, they take all their business at grocery stores, Walgreens, bars, housing and restaurants – revenue that could have stayed in Missouri.

For those of us who will bear the inherent tuition hikes, counterintuitively paired with a loss of services and programs, we will graduate with even higher student debt. That means less spending money. You have effectively weakened a generation of consumers whom increased revenue depends upon.

If you are re-elected, you will have to testify before a frustrated budget committee and attest the lack of consumer spending to a poor budget that you not only signed your name on but also came up with in the first place.

During your address you said, "I am calling on all our colleges and universities to continue to look for more ways to cut overhead and administrative costs and run smarter, more efficient operations." To those in the higher education circle, that sounded like you didn't think we were trying hard enough.

I don't think you're trying hard enough. For several years, federal stimulus monies padded your budget. That funding disappeared for this year's fiscal budget, and you were faced with a budget shortfall of \$500 million or 2 percent. You responded by making heavy cuts in areas that you had already gouged in previous years, instead of making smarter adjustments to your budget. Meanwhile, higher education was dealt cuts of 7, 5.2 and about 8 percent over the past three years.

I challenge you to visit Northwest to see some of the ways we have overcome your obstacles and thrived in the absence of state appropriations. After seeing our innovation, I dare you to tell us to "run smarter, more efficient operations." Instead, I hope you will see the value that this institution serves for its constituents, and reconsider your priorities.

American voting rights remain unequal

ROBBY WILSON
Contributing Columnist



Dr. Ofer Zur noted in Psychology Today in 2011 that "the victim's stance is a powerful one. The victim is always morally right, neither responsible nor accountable, and forever entitled to sympathy".

This directly correlates to the Obama Department of Justice's policies on what is known as "voter suppression" in politically correct circles, and is championed by those who actively lobby against state regulations which require valid state identification in order to participate in ballot voting.

Recent South Carolina and Georgia laws that would require voter identification were effectively blocked by the Department of Justice, citing that it would be damaging to black voters. However, it would appear by their holistic actions that some voters' rights are more important to protect than

others.

Take the territory of Guam, for example, which has called for a referendum on its relationship with the United States that could provide a catalyst for an independence movement. The only people allowed to vote will be citizens who were native inhabitants in 1950 and their offspring. The provision is limited to a group made up overwhelmingly of indigenous people and excludes nearly all whites, Filipinos and other racial groups who have moved to the island in the past six decades.

After being presented with numerous complaints from White and Filipino voters, the Department of Justice still failed to intervene on their behalf. Likewise, the American Civil Liberties Union also ignored the pleas from concerned voters. It would appear that the Obama administration has an almost ADHD-like hypersensitivity to voting rights in some instances, while blatantly ignoring them in others.

Blacks living in Guam will likely lose their voting rights just as surely

as whites and other minorities, but the common thread behind Obama administration policy is its favoritism for what it deems to be historically victimized minorities.

It should be noted that Guamanians are U.S. citizens, and their island of 150,000 residents sends a nonvoting representative to Congress. The United States also lavishes the island with hundreds of millions of dollars in transfer payments (and collects no taxes).

According to the Associated Press, 30 percent of South Carolina's registered voters are nonwhite, while 34 percent of voters lacking state-issued photo IDs are nonwhite. The Department of Justice deemed that 4 percentage point difference jarring enough to warrant overturning the law?

It seems that the Obama Department of Justice only applies the rule of law as it suits its version of equality, regardless of the facts or legal precedents involved. Those of us who do not have the luxury of built in victimhood are left to fend for ourselves.

Obama's religious gaffe recalls past errors

PHILIP GRUENWALD
Opinion Editor



With all the tools in President Barack Obama's vocabulary arsenal, he should logically use the ones that have earned him the most success. Instead, he attempted to speak about Christianity, a subject that he has never been successful with.

At the National Prayer Breakfast Feb. 2 in Washington D.C., Obama suggested that decreasing tax cuts on the wealthy would wisely fund his health care overhaul that largely benefits low-income households. Then he paired it with a popular Bible verse from Luke 12.

"But for me as a Christian, it also coincides with Jesus' teaching that, for unto whom much is given, much shall be required," Obama said.

Like a dog returning to its own filth, Obama returned to his faith only to find out that yes, it still stinks. Most theologians will in-

terpret that verse within its original context. Jesus was speaking about those who knew him and had faith in him, and how they should be expected to use their spiritual gifts responsibly to impact the lives of others.

The verse has never been about American citizens of various religions unwillingly paying higher taxes to support something they may or may not agree with.

Then again, Obama's history with making his faith public has never been a strong suit for him. His biggest gaffe was at a fundraising dinner in California the summer before he was elected into office. He remarked that people from small towns, determined to stick to their conservative ways, will never make progress. Bitterly, they "cling to guns and religion or antipathy to people who aren't like them."

Before that, as a senator in 2006, Obama asked the legislative assembly, "Which passages of scripture should guide our public policy? Should we go with Leviticus,

which suggests slavery is OK?" and similarly sarcastic questions.

And last Thanksgiving, a holiday not exclusive to the church but universally considered a religious day, Obama neglected to thank God or pray before the White House Thanksgiving meal.

This could be why so many Americans believed that Obama is Muslim, and why I encourage him to keep his faith private unless he is sure of what he is talking about.

Ron Paul's example comes to mind. His official campaign website has a section for his statement of faith, which includes Biblical references and his personal testimony. At the very top, however, is this statement: "My faith is a deeply private issue to me, and I don't speak on it in great detail during my speeches because I want to avoid any appearance of exploiting it for political gain." Once again, Paul's honest example leads the rest. If Obama wants people to believe his faith is so honest, he had better start praying now.

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BUDGET

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day. “My administration remains committed to working with our colleges and universities to make higher education more affordable and accessible for Missouri families.”

As Jasinski said, University officials will not be complacent and still plan to continue with vertical cuts.

“Like the president said, everything’s on the table,” Dunham said. “When everything’s on the table, that means some programs, some services, some personnel. And I know that people are a little anxious right now, and it’s important to know that it will be out next week. We have to have time to brief the board before something like this is made public.

“We still have a gap between revenues and expenses, and so even with this welcomed news, we still have a gap. So that, while it’s welcomed and it may make some transitions a little bit easier, we still have a gap and we still have to proceed... there still are some things that we have to think about in a multi-year strategy.”

University officials are not the only ones taking it upon themselves to attempt to find ways to curtail the cut. Student Senate is putting together its own plan to contribute to the cause.

“Students need to find their way to pitch in,” Student Senate President Andrew Maddux said. “Most things will be out of our control, but if it comes down to certain things, we have to be completely open.”

Maddux, with the rest of the senate, is hoping to find ways to get students more involved in the process so that they are at least knowledgeable. Student Senate is planning to start a series of forums in April with Jasinski, Dunham and Stacy Carrick, vice president of finance. The forum is an opportunity for students to ask questions regarding whatever cuts may come so that they are not blindsided come next fall.

“I’ve been having a lot of conversations with students, and it took a while for students to understand the impact for next year,” Maddux said. “We’re hoping for several hundred if not a thousand students to show up, that’s how big we want this to be.”

Along with keeping students informed, the senate is also looking to make cuts and adjustments of its own.

“We don’t want to raise fees so much that the students really feel it,” Maddux said. “We’re looking at the amenities and the fact that people are getting fired; we have to look at what we can do without.”

As the University moves through a dark period that saw 12.2 percent (\$3.77 million) in decreases to budget appropriations in the past two years, the future is not known, but Jasinski has Northwest officials and even Maddux following him, hopefully, to the dawn.

“There’s been a disturbing trend with the state funding the schools less and less, and I don’t know if that’s going to continue or not,” Maddux said. “It’s like the president said to me, the University has been open for one-hundred-plus years. We’ve had good and bad budgets, but we’re still open, and we’ll still be open tomorrow.”

KISKER

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shared stories as they remembered their coach.

“In basketball practice it was always double or nothing. He always gave everyone another chance... in life and in sports and in school,” former Spoofhound Molly Stiens said. “He just wanted to see everybody succeed.”

Chelsea McMichael, a junior at Maryville High School, said Dale made a big impact in her life during the time he coached her.

“He was just the best coach,

friend and teacher that anyone could have,” McMichael said. “He was just always positive, and that is what I miss about him.”

Dale served as an Elder and taught Sunday school at Hope Lutheran Church. Tammy said that religion was a very important part of his life.

Dale is survived by his wife and their three children, Brett, Amanda and Emily. He was also a proud grandfather of four.

“He was our anchor; he was the center of our family, the leader of our family,” Tammy said. “I suppose that’s what we’ll miss the most.”

D. Sons, 21, Maryville, Mo., and Brenton A. Woodburn, 36, Maryville, Mo., at 400 block North Main.

Jan. 31
There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at 500 block N Market.

Kipper L. Burson, 43, Maryville, Mo.,

SUPERBOWL FUN



AMANDA MONROE | NW MISSOURIAN

Methodist Youth group members Dominic Mattock, Jacob Lindes and Johnathan Roush play scrabble and talk while watching the Super Bowl on Sun. Feb. 5. All three boys root for the Giants as the win against the Patriots in a 21-17.

Grant Evans new Mozingo Lake Manager

AMANDA SCHULTE-SMITH

Managing Editor

Mozingo Lake is seeing new changes and welcoming more students with the help of new park manager Grant Evans.

The Northwest alumus says he is looking forward to seeing new additions and marketing ideas follow through this year with the help of his staff.

“I’m so excited to be here,” Evans said. “They have done an outstanding job so far, and there is a lot of potential for growth.”

After growing up in Maryville and attending Northwest Missouri State University, Ev-

ans worked in the Kansas City Metro area for 25 years and served as a park ranger for eight years before taking the job as park manager at Mozingo.

Evans is currently overseeing a project involving a new RV site, including 20 new sites and a bathhouse.

“I think it will cater to the equestrian use and primarily weekend users,” Evans said.

With all of the new plans being put into place, Evans says that one of the goals he hopes to accomplish is getting more University students and community members involved in lake activities like the Youth Camp.

“I have been looking into that program

and would really like to try and get a marketing plan going for the Youth Camp,” Evans said. “There are a lot of things we can do to get the community involved.”

Between the beach and wooded areas around the park, students are encouraged to use all of the free services provided at Mozingo. Evans hopes to implement boat, canoe, kayak and paddle boat rentals in the future, along with promoting sand volleyball and activities like campfires and fishing at the park.

“It is a great venue, a beautiful lake and a beautiful area, and hopefully, we can do more with it in the future,” Evans said.

MONTH

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in the Union ballroom.

The dinner will focus on African-American women aligning with the national theme for this year’s African-American Achievement/ Black History Month, Black Women in America: Culture and History.

“Co-sponsoring this event gives us the opportunity to celebrate Black History Month in our own way with the other organizations of the IIC,” SISTAH President Ebony Osby said. “Our entertainment will include praise

dances, poems and a POWER activity.”

The POWER activity will focus on eight African-American women, four from the past and four from the present. The members from SISTAH will explain the achievements of each woman as if they were her, ending with the name of the woman they are representing. POWER stands for Power of Women Earning Recognition.

Students can also look for pictures of prominent African-American people that will be placed in the food outlets of the Union, including The Runt, Bearcat Food Court and Java City. The pictures

will be accompanied by a description of why the figure is considered a notable individual.

Events spanning the entire month include a book club for “The Help”, which will be hosting a discussion at the end of the month, an African artifacts exhibit that will be on display at B.D. Owens Library and African Child Ministries is requesting donations to be made to the organization in support of children in Kenya.

A complete list of events is available on the University calendar and African-American Achievement posters. For more information, please visit the IIC or the OCA.

OWLS

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son, is a senior at the University that has been doing a lot of research on snowy owls and reports to the head of the wildlife department at Kansas State University. Hutchinson believes the snowy owls are not going to make it back to Canada this year.

“The majority of them have already started dying,” Hutchinson said. “They get here and they’re just so weak. A lot of them can barely stand by the time that they get here.”

Hutchinson said, along with the lack of food, hunting the owls have contributed to the dying population of snowy owls in Missouri. Weight loss has also played a factor, he said.

“Birds and their weight are very specific,” Hutchinson said. “If they don’t maintain a certain weight level, it’s certain death for them.”

Hutchinson said there haven’t been any sightings in Maryville yet, but there have been two sightings in Nodaway County. The closest one, he said, was just five miles west of Maryville.

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Feb. 1
There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at 600 block North Buchanan.

There is an ongoing investigation of burglary at 1800 block South Munn.

An accident occurred between Kristi

was charged with trespassing at 300 block East Summit Drive.

Jan. 29
There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at 400 block East Fourth Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of

affray at 300 block North Market.

Jan. 28
Jeremy W. Harris, 33, Hopkins, Mo., was charged with trespassing at 100 block West Sixteenth Street.

Jan. 27
There is an ongoing investigation of

fraud at 200 block East Third Street.

An accident occurred between Elaine H. Gross, 19, Maryville, Mo., and John A. Carr, 23, Maryville, Mo., at 1500 block North Main. Gross was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

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15 Noses around
16 Good smell
17 "No holds barred!"
20 Diplomatic quality
21 Like many rappers'
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22 Where there's gold,
in prospector-speak
28 Deli spread
29 Kneecap
31 "Les ____": show
featuring Jean Valjean
34 Aussie reptile
36 In a few minutes
37 Manipulate
38 Swallow one's pride
42 Singer Sumac
43 Fleshy area below
the knee
45 Scotch partner
46 Ellipsis element
47 Nibbled at, with "of"
51 Nadirs
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and sprinkles
57 "... stirring, not ____
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58 Belgian river
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68 Directional suffix
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By Jeff Clen

Answers for the
Feb. 2 issue.

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Answers for the Feb. 2 issue.

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Today's Birthday (02/09/12). Go ahead and get excited! You're living the good life right now, and your friends are here to remind you. You're learning and surrounded by interesting projects. Participate, and play as you improve. Keep finances organized, and your career advances.

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Meet an interesting new person. Take advantage of your incredible magnetism today to win someone's heart. Your promotions have power and urgency. Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Define your desires locally. Charm your clients with an emotive

presentation. Break through a barrier to exceed expectations. Your luck improves immensely.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) -- Today is an 8 -- A lucky discovery brings sought-after information. Friends have all kinds of great information, and new opportunities develop. Someone falls in love.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Learn what you need to from someone with experience. Promising ideas get presented. Capture important chances in your schedule. A message of love arrives from afar.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Change could be coming down the road. You have a firm hand on the reins. This could get expensive. Reassess your assets. Consider those that don't usually show up on the books.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Your capacity to dream is your power tool today. Make it happen. Feeling at ease and in charge of your life makes you quite attractive. Let romance find you.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Look past storm clouds to see the rainbow. When you put it in perspective, it's manageable. Send your energy in

the right direction. A breakthrough is possible.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Ask what you can do for your community, and then act on it. Your willingness to help others is sexy. Friends are there for you, too.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Take a long trip with a loved one and learn something new about yourselves. Listen closely to emotions. Don't spend more than you budget. Deepen a connection.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) --

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Today is a 7 -- Put your energy into your relationship, whether it's an adventuresome getaway or just a night at home around the fire. Try on their shoes, and enhance your listening skills.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 9 -- Bring love into your work, and gain more than expected. Transformation is good now. Your advances in just about any endeavor will be warmly encouraged.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is an 8 -- You can go for what you believe in, especially with the help of a friend. You have more support than you know. You love the results, and so do others.

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STUDENT SELLS SINGING TELEGRAMS

BEN LAWSON
Features Editor

Northwest graduate student Reed Iacarella draws from his vocal abilities to raise money for a study abroad trip and for people to have a unique gift to give on Valentine's Day.

Iacarella offers singing telegrams as gifts for loved ones on Valentine's day. He came up with the idea to raise money for a study abroad trip to China, but since advertising his telegrams in the Student Union, he sees other rewards in the project.

"If anything, it makes someone's day," Iacarella said. "It's fun for me, and it could bring a smile to someone's face."

For \$10 Iacarella will read a personally written letter, give chocolates and sing from a list of 23 songs. The list features a variety of love songs from Justin Beiber, The Temptations, John Mayer and 'N Sync to

name a few. People interested can join the Facebook group Singing Telegrams or stop by his booth on the first floor of the Union.

Iacarella needs \$4,500 to cover his trip to Shanghai, China. He doesn't expect singing telegrams to cover the whole trip but thinks it could help.

"If I make money, I make money; if not, I do it a couple times, and I make someone's day," Iacarella said.

Music and the spotlight have always been a part of Iacarella's life. He started singing in his middle school choir in Burnsville, Minn. and continued in his high school choir. He even played a year of college football at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, S.D. After football he decided to try cheerleading at University of Wisconsin-Madison and is currently on the Northwest cheerleading team.

"I kinda like having the spotlight, being that person in front of the camera," Iacarella said. "I've performed in front of crowds of 80,000 people at Wisconsin (for cheerleading). I can do that, and this isn't really anything else. Obviously, I get nervous, but it's a lot of fun just to see someone smile, to make someone's day."

Iacarella received a bachelor in economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. This is his first year working on a master's degree in business administration from Northwest. He says music has been a big part of his life, but he doesn't plan to do anything with music professionally.

"I'm not going into a career in music, but it would be nice to get some vocal training," Iacarella said. "People keep saying 'oh my gosh, you should go on American Idol.' It's a great compliment to me, but I really don't think I have that good of a voice... I'm just a kid that sings to the radio and sometimes randomly bursts into song."

Iacarella enjoys challenging himself and plans to do so for his career as well.

"I feel like someday I want to own my own business," Iacarella said. "I put a lot of effort into everything I do. I think it would be very rewarding for me to have my own business someday. I'm not sure what it's going to be."

Iacarella enjoys the variety of activities he immerses himself in. It's a way he challenges himself. He incorporates it in his attitude about life.

"I kind of feel like a jack of all trades. I picked up cheerleading really quickly. I know I'm not the best singer, but I can carry a tune. I'm confident with it, and if you're confident you're gonna look good, like with anything in life. Even if you bomb, you're gonna look like you had fun. That's what I try to bring to life everyday, is to just have fun and live it to the fullest. Keep good people around you, and good things will happen."



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In this week’s Stroller your man discusses the logic behind the names of some of Northwest’s buildings. He feels Northwest needs a different standard for naming their buildings.

THE STROLLER: Your man wants a building in his honor

Everyone has seen the movies where the unknown kid comes to college and ends up making his mark on the college by defeating the jocks, throwing a monster party that no one ever forgets or saving the college from being shut down. While all of that sounds appealing, I want to make sure my name is never forgotten.

I want a building.

If you actually attend your classes, you become accustomed to the buildings: Colden Hall, Wells Halls, Martindale Hall and that one with all the complicated science classes.

Why did these buildings get their names? I have no idea. You can probably find it in the one glass building full of books and computers. I’m sure it was some rich alumni that had the terrible problem of their bank account having too many zeros. You have to respect them for their ability to give back and that they worked hard enough to earn that money, but that is not the usual path for a graduate of any college except Harvard. Good job finally putting them on the map Mark Zuckerberg.

Most people graduating want to be rich, but realistically, we are going to struggle to find jobs out of college, find a job that gets us by for a while, then be the glue to society.

While you have to respect that, that’s not how I want to be remembered. I want to do something so amazing and breathtaking that the University says, “Forget a trophy or statue, let’s get

this fella a building.”

The person that received a pond and a building probably did not save a runaway from Brown Hall from drowning in the pond.

I think if you want to be an eternal part of this University, we need to see something. We need to see something that shakes up the system or affects the lives of people. I want something movie worthy, or at least a clip on CNN.

Think about what people giving tours could tell visitors. You have a group of 17-year-olds who are trying to make an important life decision. The tour guide could walk past a building and say, “This is Fred Robinson Hall. Robinson wrestled a rogue lion and saved the lives of many students. He turned the lion into his pet, and it starred in the live-action version of the “Lion King.”

How could you not go to that school? Yeah, I understand the thought of rogue lions could scare away some students, but if you don’t want to be associated with a school that has people that can tackle a lion, look at yourself in the mirror and figure out what is important in your life.

So next time you’re walking past one of the faceless buildings, sit back and wonder. . .how could a lion get on the Northwest campus.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

‘Chronicle’ has addictive story but copies other films

BEN LAWSON
Features Editor

“Chronicle” uses a played-out filmmaking technique to create an intense and intriguing story.

In “Chronicle,” three high school students gain unexplainable telekinetic powers after stumbling upon a glowing, crystal structure inside a hole in the ground.

The film uses the “found footage” technique made famous by the “Paranormal Activity” series and “The Blair Witch Project.”

A big majority of the movie follows the boys playing with their powers. They play pranks on random people and play catch in the clouds. As you watch the film, you think it’s exactly what you would do in that situation, and you begin to like the characters.

The characters of this film feel a little stereotypical at first, but as the film deepens, so do they. Andrew, played by Dane DeHaan, is the loner geek of the group who films everything because he wants the camera “to put a barrier between him and the world.” Matt, played by Alex Russell, is the too-cool-for-school stoner philosopher and Steve, played by Michael B. Jordan, is the popular, senior class president.

Their characters seem boring and two-dimensional at first, but as their telekinetic powers develop, so does their friendship. By the end, the characters appear as complicated as those in a Stephen King story. Just as the audience gets attached, their powers become more than just toys, and their lives take a stomach-turning downward spiral.

The mystery of the movie strengthens its story, but using “found footage” is like an excuse for filmmakers to leave holes in the plot. It never explains where the boys’ powers came from, and maybe that’s a good thing. The suspense and unknown in these types of movies could be what makes them work, but the story does feel a bit incomplete.

Despite its flaws, this movie was great. It had everything needed to make a great movie: laughs, cries and a little bit of action. It never stops surprising, and it will have audiences hooked until the very end.



Director: Josh Trank
Actors: Dane DeHann, Alex Russell, and Michael B. Jordan
Production Company: Adam Schroeder Productions

Skrillex EP fails to live up to expectations from previous work

TOM DRESSLAR
Missourian Reporter

With the rising success of his music across America, Skrillex is becoming a household name in a heartbeat. His breakthrough LP, “Scary Monsters & Nice Sprites,” peaked at #49 on the Billboard 200 and was certified gold (sales exceeding 500,000) by the Recording Industry Association of America. Those impressive numbers illustrate how Skrillex has owned his sub-genre of dubstep as of late, but despite those figures, his new album, “Bangarang,” greatly disappointed me. A feeling I have had listening to Skrillex all too often lately.

For those not familiar with Skrillex, he mainly produces dubstep and electro house, two different forms of electronic dance music. Dubstep can be characterized by its low, oscillating bass lines accompanied by steady, half-time drums. Electro house is similar with granular bass lines at a slower tempo and constant kick drums on each beat.

After “Scary Monsters and Nice Sprites” Skrillex has failed to produce anything worthy of listening to. His new EP, “Bangarang,” showcases his failed attempts of creating another smash hit. It is safe to say that Skrillex’s production value is subpar on the uncollaborated tracks. It seems as if Skrillex doesn’t care about what his audience thinks in terms of quality. The EP had potential but wasted it with zero progression and care.

The collaborative songs “Summit,” featuring the talented Ellie Goulding, and “The Devil’s Den,” with notable electro house producer Wolfgang Gartner, show some promise, but in the end, lack the stamina to finish strong. The song “Breakn’ a Sweat” featuring The Doors is just obnoxious and nearly ruins the dubstep genre. The signature Skrillex “talking bass line” is plastered over annoying vocals and repetitive techniques similar to his previous works. The song “Kyoto,” is essentially the same song from his previous work titled “Ruffneck” from April 2011. I feel sorry for The Doors being paired up with this lazy producer. Skrillex takes his old noise and creates more old noise.

Even though Skrillex came onto the scene with a fresh, new sound, lately his music has been showcasing his lack of ingenuity and creativity. With every mediocre album he puts out, Skrillex loses more and more of his core fanbase that fell in love with his debut EP.



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Album: Bangarang
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WHAT'S NOT

Super Bowl Halftime show

Not only was Madonna, Nicki Minaj, and MIA’s performance boring but the only controversy that came out of it was boring. Yeah, MIA flipped off the entire country, but Janet Jackson’s nip slip was a way bigger deal.

NORTHWEST MEN’S BASKETBALL



AMANDA MONROE | NW MISSOURIAN
Junior guard Alex Sullivan leaps toward the basket against a Tiger defender Jan. 28. Sullivan contributed 15 points in the Bearcats’ 74-57 win against Fort Hays State. Northwest has won four straight games to clinch a bid to the MIAA Tournament.

HISTORY

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letes, junior guard Justin Clark looked another direction for inspiration on the court.

“My uncles used to play in the early 60’s and late 50’s and they dealt with not having the same opportunities as me,” Clark said. “They preach to me a lot to make sure we maintain our composure and carrying ourselves well.”

While Williams believes it is important to remember those who laid down the foundation, it is important to recognize those keeping it strong.

“In today’s modern day, there are still athletes making strides and pushing us farther as a culture,” Williams said. “What Michael Vick did as a black quarterback in the NFL should never be forgotten. Everybody always wrote him off. Vick should be thanking people like Warren Moon, who played in a time where the NFL wasn’t accepting of black quarterbacks. So he was

forced to play in Canada and be the Dan Marino of Canada.

“There are guys today, still break down doors and I think that they as well the people that paved the way for them deserve some recognition. All too often we go back to the same people. We seldom pay attention to new age, contemporary, young, black people who are paving the way and knocking down doors now. I think once we can start accompanying all of that, we’ll have true black history.”

According to the 2009-2010 NCAA Student-Athlete Race and Ethnicity Report in Division I college athletics, African-American males composed 18.7 percent in the seven major college sports: basketball, baseball, football, lacrosse, track, soccer and wrestling.

African-Americans make up just 5 percent, of the Northwest student body, with a majority of them being athletes, and for some it can be a shock.

“One thing I love about Maryville that I didn’t know when I came in here was that it doesn’t

matter if you’re a black athlete or not, they love you because you’re an athlete” Williams said. “As much as people do for us, they just don’t care about color.

“You say the name Jake Soy around Maryville and people’s faces light up. Not just because of his play on the field, but the type of person he is off of the field. You can say the same thing about LaRon Council. The thing about being a black athlete in Maryville is that there is no barrier to break down, because the people just embrace you for the person you are.”

Williams believes being in college and an athlete makes him a type of leader.

“Once I get myself into a place where I can give back, I will,” Williams said. “Not saying that I can’t right now because every time I go back home people are always saying there is something you can do. I always make it a goal of mine to go back and talk to young kids. I tell them it doesn’t matter where you are now, there’s always opportunities to change the situation.”

RIVALRY

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a couple big threes, but Elijah Johnson couldn’t drill a couple of open looks late in the game.

But mostly, Tyshawn Taylor made the freshman mistakes that no senior should ever make, especially not in a game of that magnitude. Taylor had a few spectacular plays, but at the end of the day the turnover falling down, the pair of missed free throws in the final minute and the charging foul, however questionable the call, ultimately cost the Jayhawks.

Obviously, my allegiance is to Kansas and Bill Self, and the numbers don’t lie. Kansas is 171-95 against Mizzou and Self has

compiled a 17-4 record against the Tigers, but my hat is off to Missouri.

They showed a lot of heart and resilience and showed why this rivalry is one of the best in college basketball.

It’s a shame it has to come to an end with the Tigers’ move to the SEC and the Jayhawks’ unwillingness to fit them into future schedules, but that’s a topic for another time.

At least we’re guaranteed one more Border Showdown before the Tigers’ move.

Feb. 25 is just a few weeks away, and I for one can’t wait to hopefully see another game like Saturday’s contest.

I would bet Kansas gets their revenge in Allen Fieldhouse.

HURDLES

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worked on it and improved. That’s really made the difference between running 8.28 last year, to now an 8.18, and he’s just going to get faster.”

Manning earned a sixth place finish in the consolation finals.

On the women’s side, senior Hiedi Johnson finished 10th in the mile. Her time of 5:08.10 barely missed an NCAA provisional mark. Johnson was the second highest non-Division I finisher.

“She’s just really fallen in love with the sport,” Lorek said. “She wants to get better all the time and her work ethic is tremendous.”

The team will send Johnson along with Seniors Ryan Darling Brittany Poole and Johnson to run

the mile at Iowa State this weekend.

“They’re going to mix it up with them ,and they’re going to do fine,” Lorek said. “There’s not going to be many non-Division I athletes there period; one of the reasons you want to go up there because they’re going to chase some really good people, and that’s what’s going to get them some good times.”

The remainder of the team will head to Seward, Neb. to compete in the Concordia Invite. The team hopes to build on its fast times and the high marks this weekend.

“We’ve been competing well; we’ve doing a lot of things well, and there’s a couple of groups that we want to see a jump in,” Lorek said. “It’s really about finding good competition and good facilities to compete on.”

DISTRICTS

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preparation for this weekend.”

Due to the youth of this team, senior Charlie Coleman feels like he has kind of been thrown into a leadership role.

“I have to step up a little bit more than everyone else and be an example,” Coleman said. “I enjoy it, but I think it was going to happen whether I wanted it or not.”

The ‘Hounds will join 13 other teams in Bethany for the Class 1

District 4 tournament this weekend.

The first round matches begin Friday evening and conclude with the championship matches late Saturday.

The top four wrestlers in each weight class will advance to the state tournament.

“We are hoping that the men who have good seasons for us will continue that and advance to the state tournament,” Drake said. “We also hope to have a couple of surprises that have a good day to really help us.”

WALTER

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Walter led the way for Maryville with 20 points.

“He played a smart game tonight and did a lot of good things,” Kuwitzky said. “That’s what we need out of him, a consistent player.”

Kuwitzky is hoping they can use this win to propel them to a

solid end to the season.

“We are finally playing now like we need to play,” Kuwitzky said. “We’ve been playing not to lose, and we will play great for stretches, then not do things. Tonight I felt like it came together in the second half. If we do that, I think we can hit our stride pretty soon.”

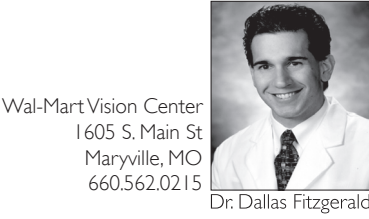
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MIAA STANDINGS	Overall	MIAA
Central Mo.....	16-4	12-3
NORTHWEST.....	17-3	11-3
Washburn.....	16-6	10-4
Mo. Southern.....	18-5	10-5
Fort Hays.....	14-6	8-6
Southwest Baptist.....	15-9	8-7
Pitt. State.....	12-10	8-7
Emporia State.....	8-12	4-10
Truman.....	6-16	4-11
Lincoln (Mo.).....	3-17	3-11
Mo. Western.....	7-14	2-13

February 11:
Mo. Southern at Emporia
Central Mo. at Fort Hays
Lincoln (Mo.) at Pitt. State
S.W. Baptist at Washburn
Mo. Western at NORTHWEST

February 13:
Truman at Hannibal-LaGrange

MHS BOY’S BASKETBALL

MEC STANDINGS	Overall	MEC
Cameron.....	15-6	4-0
Savannah.....	12-8	4-1
Lafayette.....	10-12	5-2
Chillicothe.....	11-8	1-1
Smithville.....	5-9	1-1
MARYVILLE.....	7-9	1-3
LeBlond.....	6-11	1-3
Benton.....	1-19	1-6

February 10:
Smithville at Cameron
LeBlond at Lafayette
Chillicothe at Savannah
MARYVILLE at Benton

February 13:
Smithville at LeBlond

NW WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

MIAA STANDINGS	Overall	MIAA
Pitt. State.....	20-2	14-1
Washburn.....	20-3	13-1
Emporia St.....	15-5	10-4
Central Mo.....	16-5	10-5
Fort Hays.....	15-7	7-7
Truman.....	12-8	7-8
Lincoln (Mo.).....	12-8	6-8
Southwest Baptist.....	8-12	4-11
Mo. Western.....	6-15	4-11
Mo. Southern.....	7-14	3-12
NORTHWEST.....	4-18	2-12

February 11:
Mo. Southern at Emporia
Central Mo. at Fort Hays
Lincoln (Mo.) at Pitt. State
S.W. Baptist at Washburn
Mo. Western at NORTHWEST
Truman at McKendree

MHS GIRLS’ BASKETBALL

MEC STANDINGS	Overall	MEC
Smithville.....	12-4	2-0
Lafayette.....	10-11	4-2
Cameron.....	17-3	2-1
Benton.....	9-10	3-2
Savannah.....	15-5	3-3
MARYVILLE.....	9-7	1-2
Chillicothe.....	9-11	0-2
LeBlond.....	2-13	0-3

February 9:
Cameron at Smithville
Chillicothe at Savannah
Benton at MARYVILLE
Lafayette at LeBlond

February 12:
Savannah at LeBlond

Big 4th quarter run propels boys to win

CHRIS SCHOONOVER
Assistant Sports Editor

It was a tale of two halves for the Spoofhounds Tuesday night against Mid-Buchanan.

With senior guard Tyler Walter on the bench to begin the game, the 'Hounds struggled to find a fluent offense early.

"He told me before the game, and it was kind of weird, but I really wanted to get in and do my best," Walter said.

Walter hit his head on the floor last Thursday against Smithville and has 12 staples in his head.

Walter checked in at the 4:30 mark in the first quarter and was able to contribute immediately.

"It was in doubt until today if he could even play," head coach Mike Kuwitzky said. "Last night he didn't practice, and we went over our game plan with him watching. Hopefully, we could get him in and get him as many minutes as he usually can."

Even with the spark off the bench, Maryville found themselves trailing 15-12 at the end of the first quarter.

The second quarter featured much of the same, as the Dragons and Spoofhounds exchanged baskets for most of the period.

Junior guard Jonathan Baker hit a three-pointer as time expired to even up the score, 28-28.

"That was a real boost," Kuwit-

zky said. "It was great too because the kids executed the play perfectly. They set screens properly and ran it right and got him the open shot."

The third quarter showcased the big men for the 'Hounds.

Junior forward Tyler Kenkel and sophomore forward Trent Nally combined for 11 points in the third quarter as Maryville took a 43-40 lead.

"We wanted to go inside against them," Kuwitzky said. "We wanted to use our bigs against them, well as big as we have anyway. We did have a size advantage, one of the rare times we have a size advantage."

Kenkel barely missed a double-double with nine points, 12 rebounds and two blocks.

"That's what we've been wanting, and I just told him in locker room, 'I think you're there now. You got to score in double-digits, and you got to get double-digit rebounds if you can,'" Kuwitzky said. "He was huge tonight, and that's what we've been wanting, a presence inside like that."

The fourth quarter would be controlled by the Spoofhounds and was anchored by Walter, Kuwitzky said.

Walter converted a four-point play to begin the final period; that would start a 23-6 quarter for the 'Hounds and a 66-46 final score.

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AMANDA MONROE | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior guard Tyler Walter goes up for a shot against a Mid-Buchanan defender. Walter contributed 20 points for a win against Mid-Buchanan on Tuesday. The 'Hounds won 66-46 with a 23-6 fourth quarter run.



ERIC BAINES | NW MISSOURIAN

Junior Ben Wilmes, 132 lbs, shoots for the take down against Trenton's Kody Wescott at the Quad State Classic wrestling tournament Jan. 28. Wilmes pinned Wescott to win the match, but the 'Hounds finished seventh at the meet.

Wrestlers prep for district title run

JASON KRAFT
Missourian Reporter

The Maryville wrestling team looks to duplicate their success this weekend at the district tournament.

The 'Hounds finished 4-1 in the duals and in second place overall in the Albany Dual Tournament.

Maryville won its first four duals against Stanberry (36-33), Father Tolton (64-6), Albany (59-12) and Gallatin (42-30). Their lone loss came at the hands of the Tarkio Indians 38-35.

"We did not quite get everything done that we wanted to," head coach Joe Drake said. "Our goal was to get

first, and we came up three points short."

Individually, three 'Hounds wrestled very well. Each went undefeated on the day.

Junior Logan Coleman, 126 lbs., junior Derek Steins, 145 lbs., and senior Charlie Coleman, 160 lbs., each won their five matches.

Father Tolton will be the only school not competing in the Class 1 District 4 tournament this weekend.

"This tournament should give us a pretty good gauge of how things are going to go at the district tournament," Drake said.

Maryville will look to improve on their district performance from

a year ago. The 'Hounds finished out of the top five and sent just four wrestlers to state.

For that to happen, they will need to have solid showings from some of their younger wrestlers.

Only four members of the current team participated in the district tournament a year ago. Drake remains optimistic about his young team.

"I really do not think the inexperience will have much effect on them," Drake said. "They have been in tournaments all season, and everything we have worked for is in

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ATHLETES of the WEEK



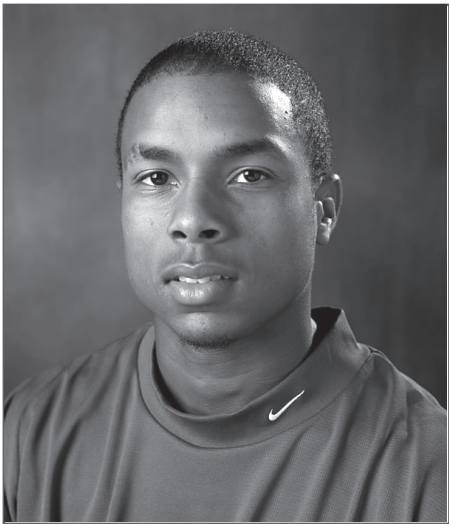
BEARCATS

DeShaun Cooper

Will Haer

Tyler Walter

Brooke Byland



Junior point guard DeShaun Cooper scored a team-high 19 points for the Bearcats on Saturday against Pitt State. Cooper also chipped in eight assists.

Junior pole vaulter Will Haer finished ninth overall at the Frank Sevine Invitational at Nebraska University. Haer had the highest finish among non-Division I pole vaulters.

Senior guard Tyler Walter came off the bench and scored a team-high 20 points for the Spoofhounds on Tuesday against Mid-Buchanan, with 11 points coming in the fourth quarter.

Senior forward Brooke Byland scored a team-high 17 points to pace the Spoofhounds in their 52-40 victory over Chillicothe on the road Monday night.

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Women look to get on track at home

DALTON VITT
Chief Reporter

The Northwest women play back-to-back home games following a loss at Pittsburg State Saturday. The 'Cats fell 88-48 to the Gorillas, who shot 53.8 percent from behind the three-point line in the first half.

"The emotion last week was so funny," head coach Gene Steinmeyer said. "We go out and we play really well against Northeastern State, the No. 10 team in the nation, and we played them down to the wire. All of a sudden we think we got a little confidence, and then we just go lay an egg at Pitt State."

Steinmeyer had high praise for Pitt State's versatility on offense.

"What really hurt us is they are a great passing team," he said. "That just buried us. We'd go concentrate on the outside; they'd kick it inside. They would drive to the hole, and we wouldn't rotate fast enough."

Northwest shot only 25.8 percent from the field in the 40-point blowout.

"This is by far and away the worst offensive team in the 13 years I've been here," Steinmeyer said. "We just can't find a way to score. We've tried to pound it inside and we don't. The only time we get decent scoring is when we create fouls. And we haven't been able to get to the foul line very much."

The Bearcats took on the Lincoln Blue Tigers (12-8, 6-8) last night riding a six-game losing streak.

Results were unavailable as of press time. Check www.nwmissourinews.com for an update.

Lincoln defeated the Bearcats 69-64 in their first meeting this sea-

son. Steinmeyer knows the keys to beating the Blue Tigers after facing them once already.

"Lincoln is very fast and very aggressive," he said. "When they're running and gunning and going to the hole, man, they are tough to stop. If we're going to have any chance to beat them, we've got to slow down their fast break and keep them from dribble penetrating."

Northwest sat in last place in the MIAA as of press time, but was only 1.5 games behind Southwest Baptist who was eighth.

Northwest will be in action again at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Bearcat Arena against Missouri Western.

"By Saturday, we could be tied for eighth," Steinmeyer said. "In truth, we've got the easiest schedule of the bottom four teams that have a chance at making it...I just don't think that I can give my players a three-week view and be effective. They may not buy into what I'm saying. If we can just pull one off against Lincoln, then we can start thinking, 'what does Saturday mean?' But I just don't think we can go beyond that point right now."

Steinmeyer talked about the importance of getting a win against Lincoln.

"Does the team need a win? Yeah, we need something really good to happen," he said. "We needed that three-pointer to go in at the buzzer against Northeastern State. We needed the free throw we missed against (Missouri) Southern. We needed the three-pointer at the buzzer to go in against (Nebraska-Omaha). Those were things that didn't happen, and it's kind of beating us up."



Junior guard Ashley Thayer drives past a Fort Hays State defender. Thayer scored 11 points against the Tigers Jan. 28 at Bearcat Arena. The Bearcats are mired in a six-game losing streak, but sit just a game and a half out of eighth in the MIAA.

Track continues improving provisional marks, looking ahead

TAYLOR FLORA
Missourian Reporter

The indoor track team earned three top 10 finishes against an abundance of Division I talent. The Bearcats competed against Nebraska, Kansas State, Texas El Paso, Minnesota, Rice and Tulane,

among others, at the Frank Sevigne Invitational held at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln last weekend.

"We can go to a meet with hundreds of athletes there from across the country, and we can mix it up with them," head coach Scott Lorek said. "We tell our kids just because it says something on their uniform

doesn't mean they're better than us.

Junior Will Haer earned a ninth place finish in the pole vault. Haer finished with a mark of 4.80 meters, which was .5 meters off the champion's score.

Haer placed the highest out of all the Division II competitors.

"You're talking about a guy who

is completely and totally into what he does," Lorek said. "He's a pole vaulter right down to his core."

Junior Travis Manning improved his NCAA provisional in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.188. Manning is working to improve his fundamental techniques of running the hurdles.

His hard work has paid off with the improvements in his time.

"From a hurdles standpoint, he essentially carries his hips too low. In all the different phases of the race; they're not technically in the right position," Lorek said. "He's

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Thursday, Feb. 16th:
Silent Walk
*outside the Student Union
at 4:30 p.m.*



Jacob Mercer is taken down by Blake Shoening during practice on Tuesday. The Bearcat wrestlers are preparing for an uncertain future after next weeks meet got cancelled before the conference championships.

Club trying to overcome cancelled meets

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Chief Reporter

The Northwest Wrestling Club performed well in its last meet but recently received some bad news.

In an attempt to defend last year's National Championship from its year, the team has had several meets canceled, hurting its experience heading into bigger tournaments.

This Saturday's meet, the Wayne State Tri-Dual, was canceled due to a lack of funding.

"They told us that they weren't able to get a gym, mats or referees, so we weren't able to go to that," Wrestling Club President Jordan Peter said. "We're still going to try to find another meet before conferences."

Peter talked about the difficulty of trying to improve while having matches taken away.

"As with any other sport, the best way to prepare for any competition is to keep going out there and get more mat time and competition for your guys," he said. "And the fact that we had Wayne State cancel on us really

put a dent in our training. So we're just going to have to keep working hard in the practice room and keep working to get tougher."

Peter is also the team leader in points and has a record of 5-2, including four pins.

The team has a solid core of leaders, outside of Peter himself.

"Blake Schoeninger is doing pretty well this season, and we had high hopes for him," Peter said. "Travis Peter is another guy, as well as Jacob Mercer. Those are our guys that people look up to on the mat. They see how well they're doing, and it motivates them to do better."

Schoeninger, an All-American last year, was pleased with the team's performance Sunday in the Missouri Valley Open in Marshall.

"I think we did pretty good, but we've got some things we need to work on," Schoeninger said. "All in all, we had a good turnout...We saw where we are at and what we need to do."

Nine wrestlers made the trip, and seven of them came away with two or

more wins.

All of the regular season matches take place in preparation for the Southwest Conference Championships, which take place Feb. 26 in Fort Collins, Colo.

Schoeninger knows the team has a lot to live up to compared to last season, but thinks the team can still do well in the conference championships.

"I'm hoping we're going to take the title again," he said. "A new team got introduced, so we're not completely sure how all the competition is because we haven't faced some of the teams yet."

Peter and Schoeninger both agree that the team needs to continue to work on its conditioning before heading into the tougher tournaments that await.

"I just think we need to keep working hard and build our endurance up a little bit before conference," Peter said. "If we can get our endurance under control, I think we'll be able to come back with another conference trophy."

inspiration

Northwest athletes pay homage

Every February since 1976 the United States has dedicated this month to black history. This month is used to reflect on the black community, their contributions to society and to honor those that came before to knock down barriers.

The month itself and what it stands for, can be taken many different ways depending on who you ask, but it is usually appreciated.

“It’s something I’ve grown up to and gotten use to, but it is different being here in Maryville with a few black players on the teams,” junior guard DeShaun Cooper said. “It’s something we’ve adjusted to and don’t look at it as a good thing or a bad thing; it’s just a month dedicated to us and we appreciate it.”

While it is appreciated, junior offensive tackle Rod Williams has a different opinion.

“I don’t hate it; I think it’s very important and still does introduce people to what we have as a culture and a community and how we contribute,” Williams said. “To say that it should be looked at for a month makes me mad. To say that you can look at everything we have done in a month and get a full grasp of what we have done in a month makes me mad.

“Anything that can promote us in a positive way and shines a light on our leaders, if you will, is always a good thing. But to say this is your month, and this month you’re important, is agitating. But what it stands for and what it is trying to do, I wholeheartedly stand behind that.”

When it comes to black sports history, people know the names and the faces that contributed to opening up the sports for black athletes to compete.

“To me, I look up to LeBron James to Kobe Bryant to Muhammad Ali, just all of the old players going all the way back to Wilt Chamberlain,” junior guard DeAngelo Hailey said.

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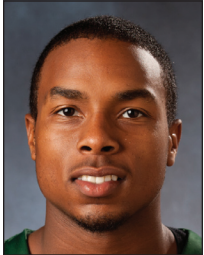
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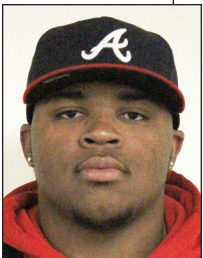
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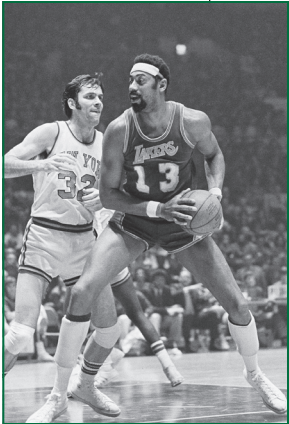
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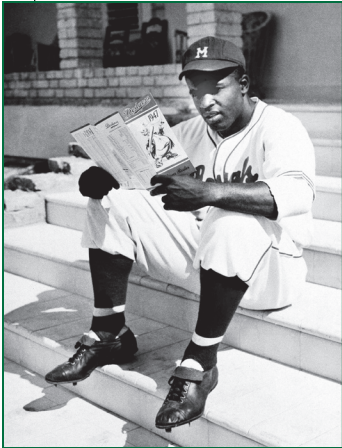
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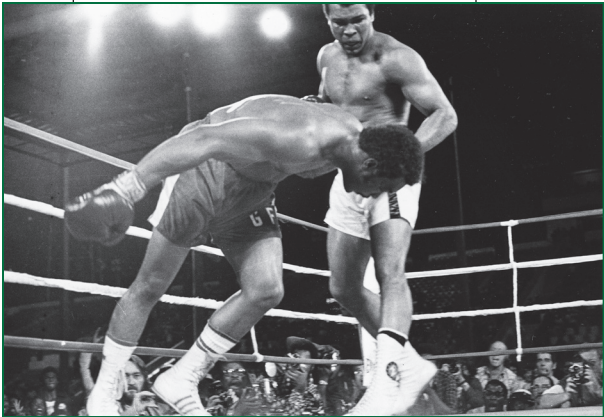
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Missouri, Kansas prove a lot, have holes

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Sports Editor



While I can’t say I’m pleased with the outcome of Saturday’s Missouri-Kansas basketball game at Mizzou Arena, I did learn a lot about both teams.

Probably most importantly: Mizzou will be a nightmare match-up come tournament time.

The Tigers have five quality guards, and while starting four guards can be a liability on defense, it is a huge advantage offensively.

Even though Kim English was guarding Jeff Withey, the Jayhawks never exploited the matchup, and Missouri’s four-guard look gave Kansas fits. Michael Dixon got into the lane at will, and Marcus Denmon was the obvious key to the game.

Denmon will be a first-round NBA draft pick because of his clutch shot-making ability. He’s fearless and will take any shot, even with the game on the line.

Those five guards will cause teams absolute fits in the tournament because it always comes down to guard play in the tournament.

No matter how good the big guys any team has are, if they don’t, at the very least, have guards to complement the bigs, it doesn’t matter.

Kemba Walker almost single-handedly led UConn to the national championship last season. Jeremy Lamb and Shabazz Napier also on the wing helped lead to that title for the Huskies.

Guard play wins, which gives MU a fighter’s chance come March.

That brings me to the second thing I learned. Or well, something that was solidified. Thomas Robinson is the National Player of the Year in college basketball and a surefire Top 10 pick in the NBA Draft.

Robinson was a monster. Missouri had no answer for him. Every time Ricardo Ratliffe did anything, Robinson answered right back, almost showing up Ratliffe at every chance.

Robinson went for 25 points and 13 rebounds and put the Jayhawks on his back, but it wasn’t enough.

It wasn’t enough because the supporting cast just isn’t there this year.

Connor Teahan knocked down

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Men clinch bid, still take it game-by-game

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After clinching a spot in the MIAA Tournament on Saturday, the Bearcats moved up four spots in the National Association of Basketball Coaches Poll to No. 18.

Northwest beat Pittsburg State 78-74 in Pittsburg, Kan. Saturday to clinch a tournament birth for the first time in three years.

“It feels good (to clinch a spot in the MIAA Tournament), but that’s not our focus,” junior point guard DeShaun Cooper said. “I feel that our focus is every game. Every game is a key game to us, and I feel that that’s why we’re so successful this year. We look at every game like it’s our last.”

Cooper led all scorers with 19 points; 16 coming in the second half, including 5-of-6 free throws in the final minute to secure the victory.

“I do embrace the last five minutes of the game because I feel that no one can guard me out there,” Cooper said. “It’s just a feeling that you get throughout the whole game. I just feel that if it calls for me to drive or pass or shoot or go to the free throw line, as long as we come out with the win, I’m satisfied.”

However, the Bearcats are not content with just clinching a spot in the MIAA Tournament.

“Our objective is again, I know I always say it and it’s cliché, to keep

focusing on improving and getting better every day in practice and every game and try and peak when that conference tournament comes around,” head coach Ben McCollum said. “It’s not enough to make it. Now, you have to do something in it.”

After a bye week last week gave the team extra rest and practice time, Northwest has three games this week and next week as the season comes to a close.

“It’s more fun (having three games a week),” Haake said. “Last week seemed slow...It’s exciting for us. We’ll be ready to go. We work hard the days in-between to get ready for our next opponent, but game time is fun.”

McCollum said nothing else matters besides beating Lincoln (Mo.) and then moving on to the next game.

Northwest has won the last 11 meetings against the Blue Tigers, including an 80-62 win Dec. 30.

“They’re one of those teams that, all teams in this league, can perform on any given night,” senior guard Kyle Haake said. “Them especially; they have a lot of good athletes. They have drivers and people that can get on a roll quick, so we have to be ready.”

Results were unavailable as of press time, but check www.nwmissourinews.com for a full game recap.

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DeShaun Cooper

The ‘Cats are back at home Saturday against rival Missouri Western with a chance to sweep their third straight opponent.

Northwest defeated Western 64-53 Jan. 4 in St. Joseph for their first meaningful road win of the season.

“It feels great because even other years we could get some wins at home,” Haake said. “Especially on the road, it seemed like it was a struggle to get us up and going on the road, so it feels good to get road wins and wins at home.”

Cooper and Haake combined for 41 of the ‘Cats’ 64 points, but are still expecting a fight this time around.

“They have some really good athletes, and they always do,” Haake said. “They’re one team that can always win. They’ve got some big bodies as well. It’ll be exciting.

“They always want to get Northwest, and we always want to get them, so it’ll be a good game.”



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Junior guard Bryston Williams looks for an open man during the Bearcats’ game Jan. 28. Williams scored three points against the Fort Hays State Tigers.